

1. Footwear for leaving a personalized imprint on wet sand and other surfaces, comprising:
 - a sole portion having a bottom surface with a tight matrix of projections extending therefrom,
 - each projection being selectively removable, enabling a user to remove a subset of the projections corresponding to the personalized imprint.
2. The footwear of claim 1, wherein each projection has a nominal length in the range of 3/16 to 3/8 inch, and a nominal width in the range of 1/8 to 3/16 inch.
3. The footwear of claim 1, wherein the projections are circular, triangular, rectangular, square, or hexagonal in cross-section.
4. The footwear of claim 1, further including a non-partitioned border surrounding the matrix of projections.
5. The footwear of claim 1, wherein the sole portion is at least partially transparent, enabling the user to view the projections therethrough as they are being removed.
6. The footwear of claim 1, wherein the sole portion forms part of a sandal or thong.

7. A method of modifying footwear to produce a personalized footprint on
2 wet sand and other surfaces, comprising:

providing footwear having a sole portion with a bottom surface including a matrix
4 of projections extending therefrom; and
selectively removing a plurality of the projections to produce a mirror image
6 corresponding to the personalized footprint.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein at least the sole portion of the footwear is
2 transparent or semi-transparent, enabling a user to view the projections therethrough as
they are being selectively removed.

9. The method of claim 7, further including the step of flexing the sole
2 portion to better expose projections to be removed.

10. The method of claim 7, wherein the projections are such that they may be
2 removed by hand without tools.